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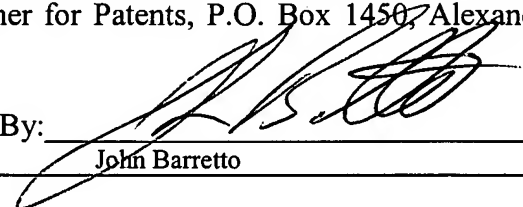
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**Amendment and Response**

Dear Examiner Desai:

In response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed December 22, 2004, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.